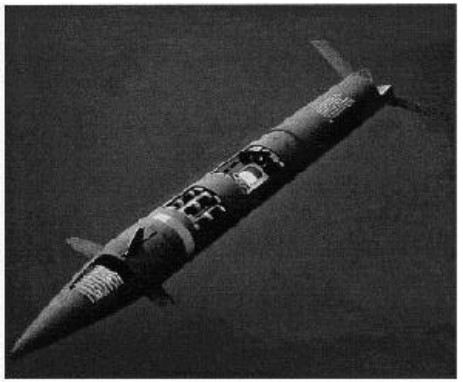

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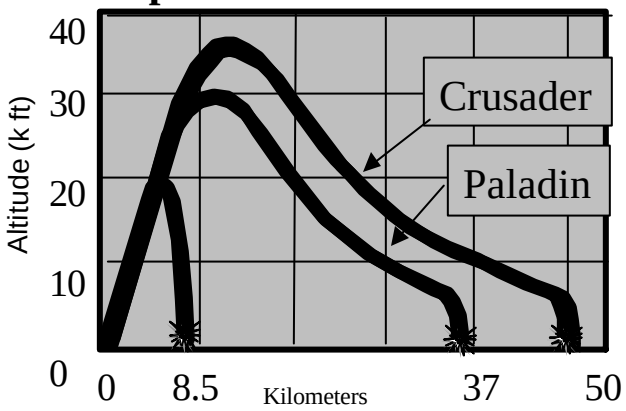

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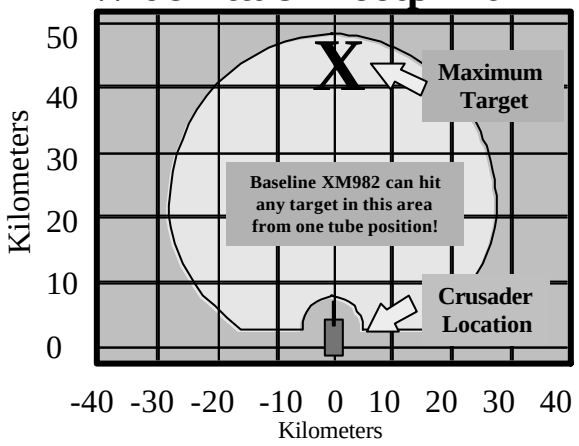

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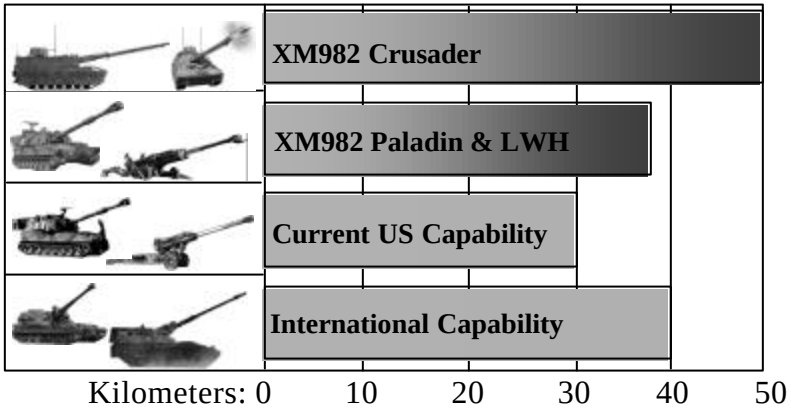

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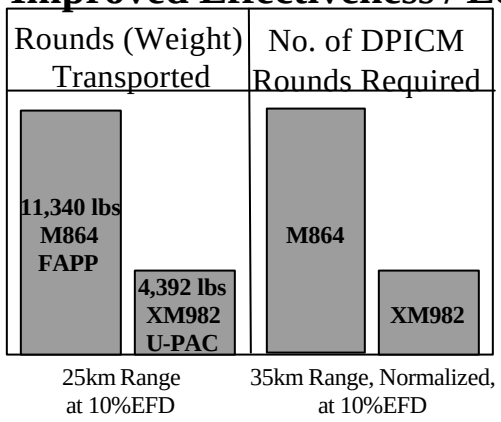

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Potential Solutions for Projectile Guidance

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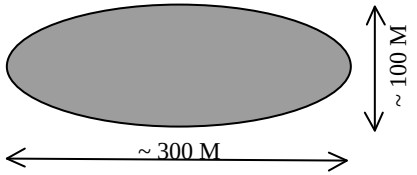
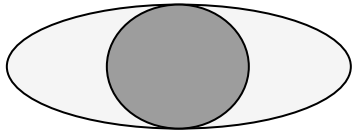
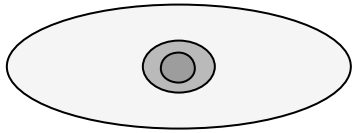
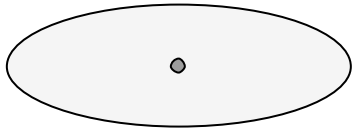
Unguided			
1-DOF Correction ***Controls X***	 		
2-DOF Correction ***Controls X, Y***	 		
7-DOF Correction ***Controls time, X, Y, Z, pitch, yaw, roll***			

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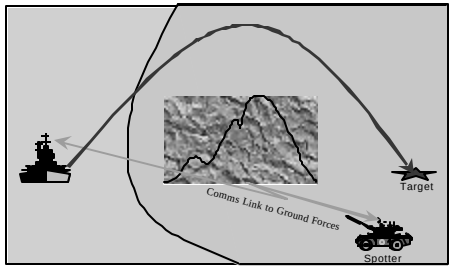
Various Guidance Options



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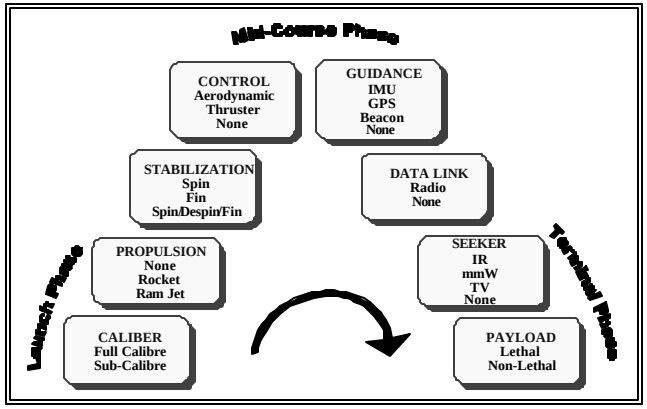

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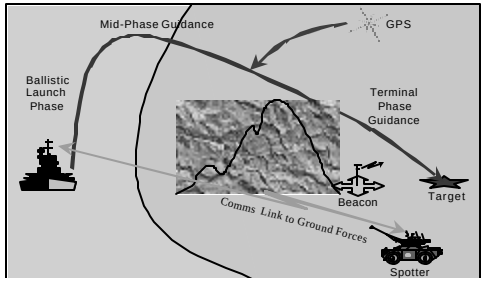

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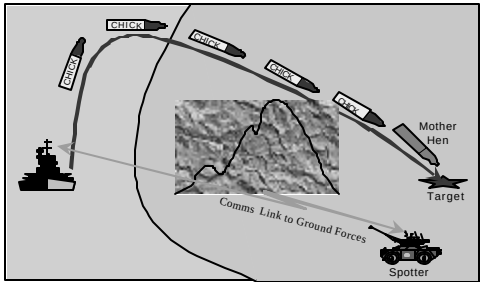

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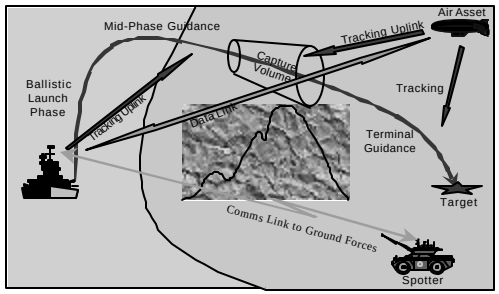

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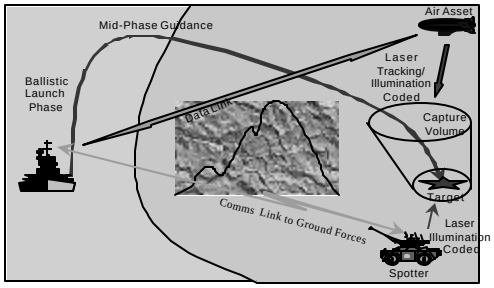

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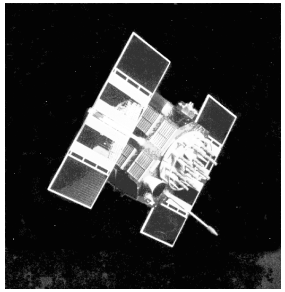
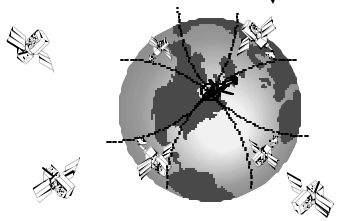
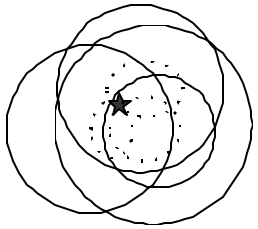
Tightly Integrated GPS/INS Guidance







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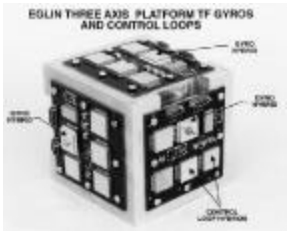

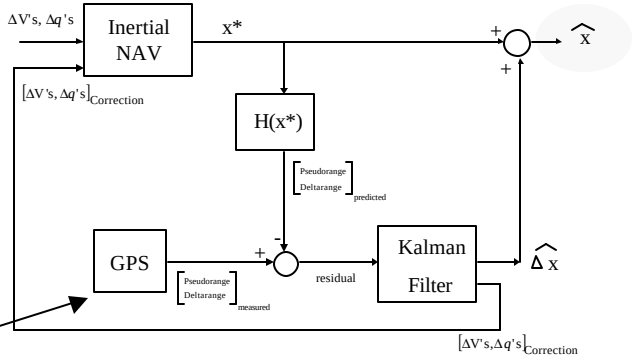

GPS / IMS provides very accurate projectile inertial data

GPS provides very accurate Earth based position and velocity data

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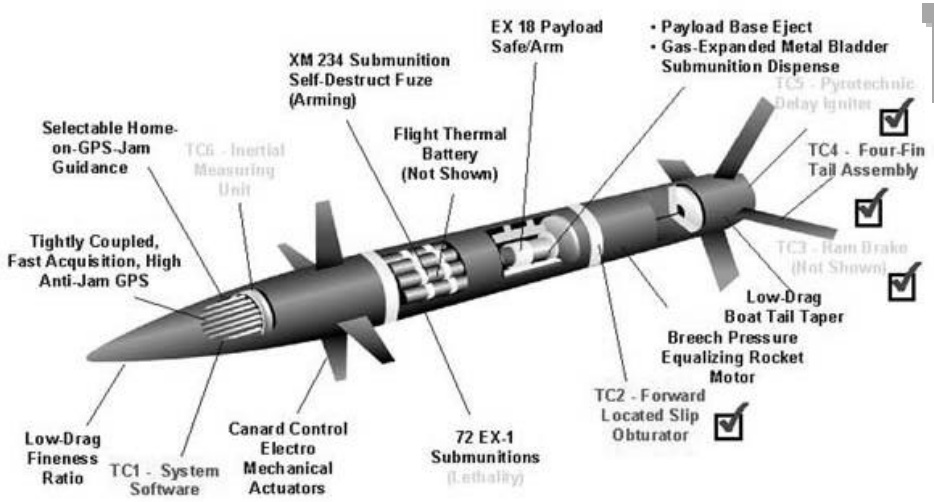
Example - Rocket Assisted Design



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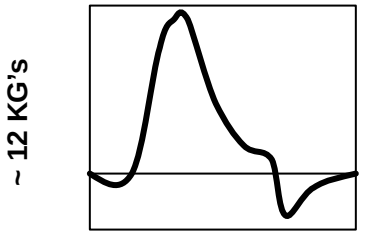

Projectile In Bore Acceleration vs Time

Projectile Attributes

CHALLENGE - Build a projectile with all the functionality of a missile but robust enough to gun fired

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General Concept of Operations

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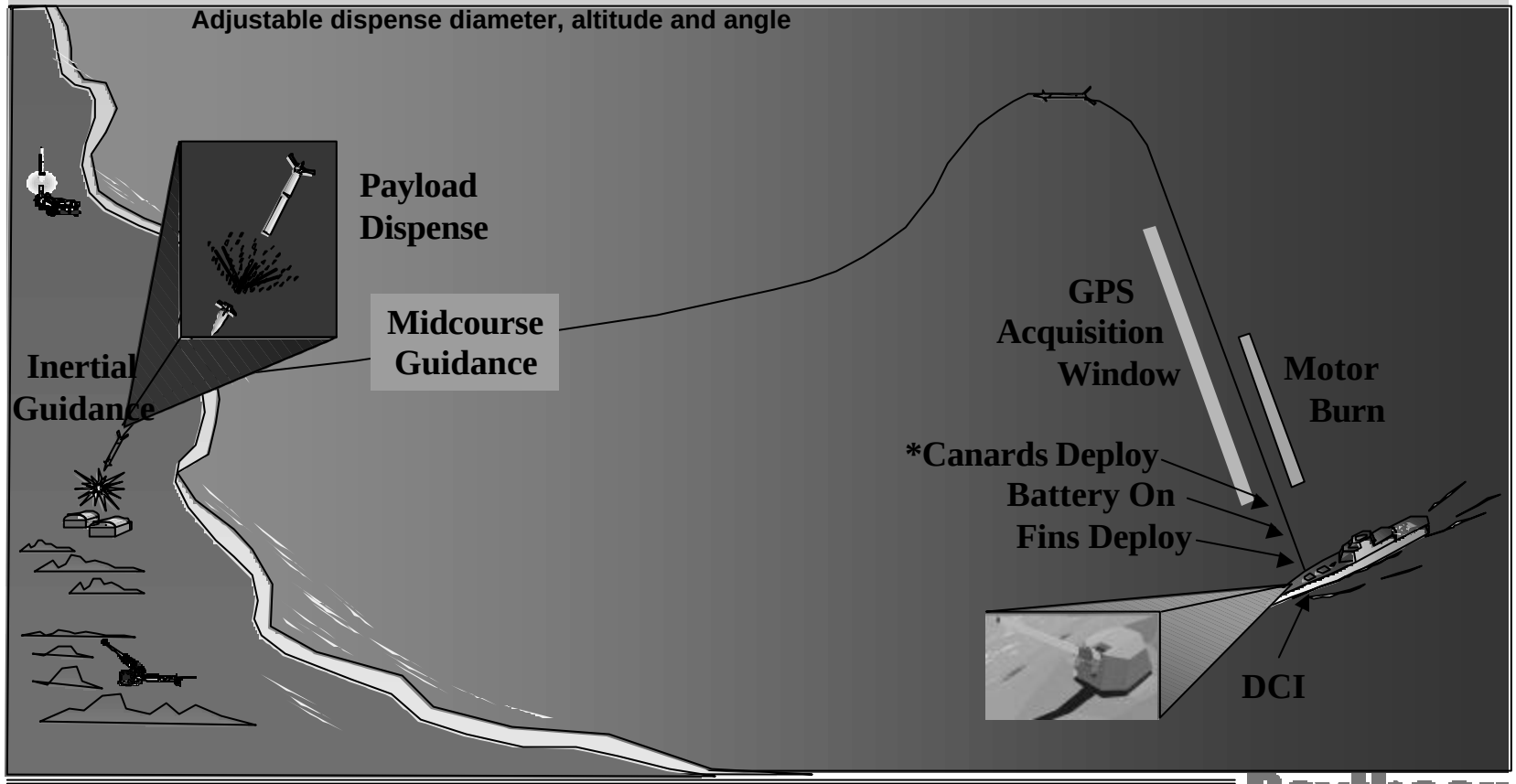
Baseline Capabilities

- On and off axis target attack (large downrange/ cross-range envelope)
- Trajectory optimized for aerodynamic efficiency
- Wind estimator to offset dispense for target area winds
- Moderate GPS jamming immunity / moderate effectiveness after jamout
- Adjustable dispense diameter, altitude and angle



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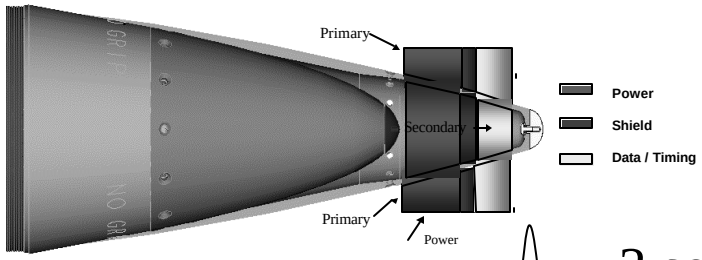
Pre-Fire Timeline

Projectile Initialization requires very aggressive timelines to meet firing rates comparable to "dumb" projectiles



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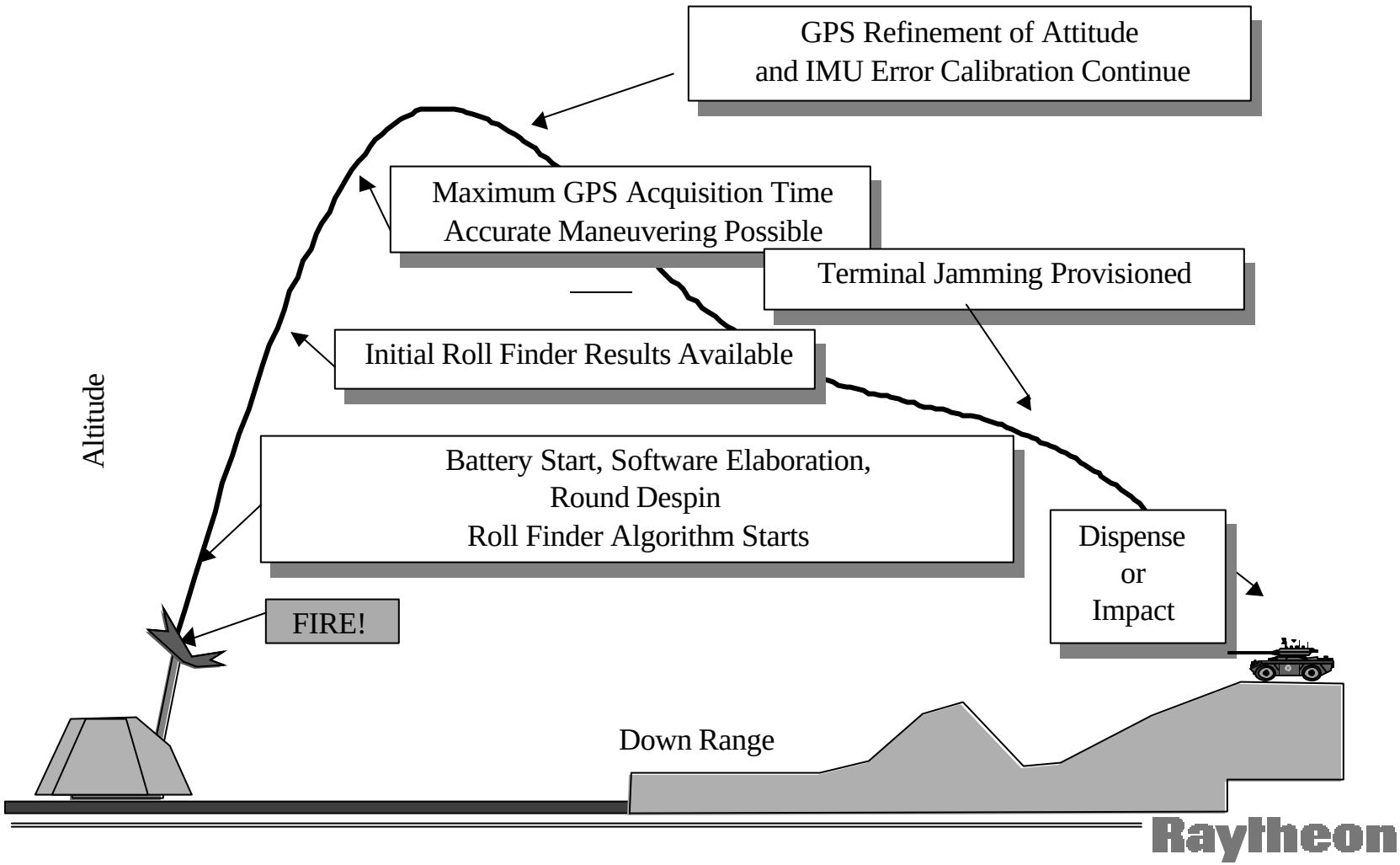
Navigation/Midcourse Timeline



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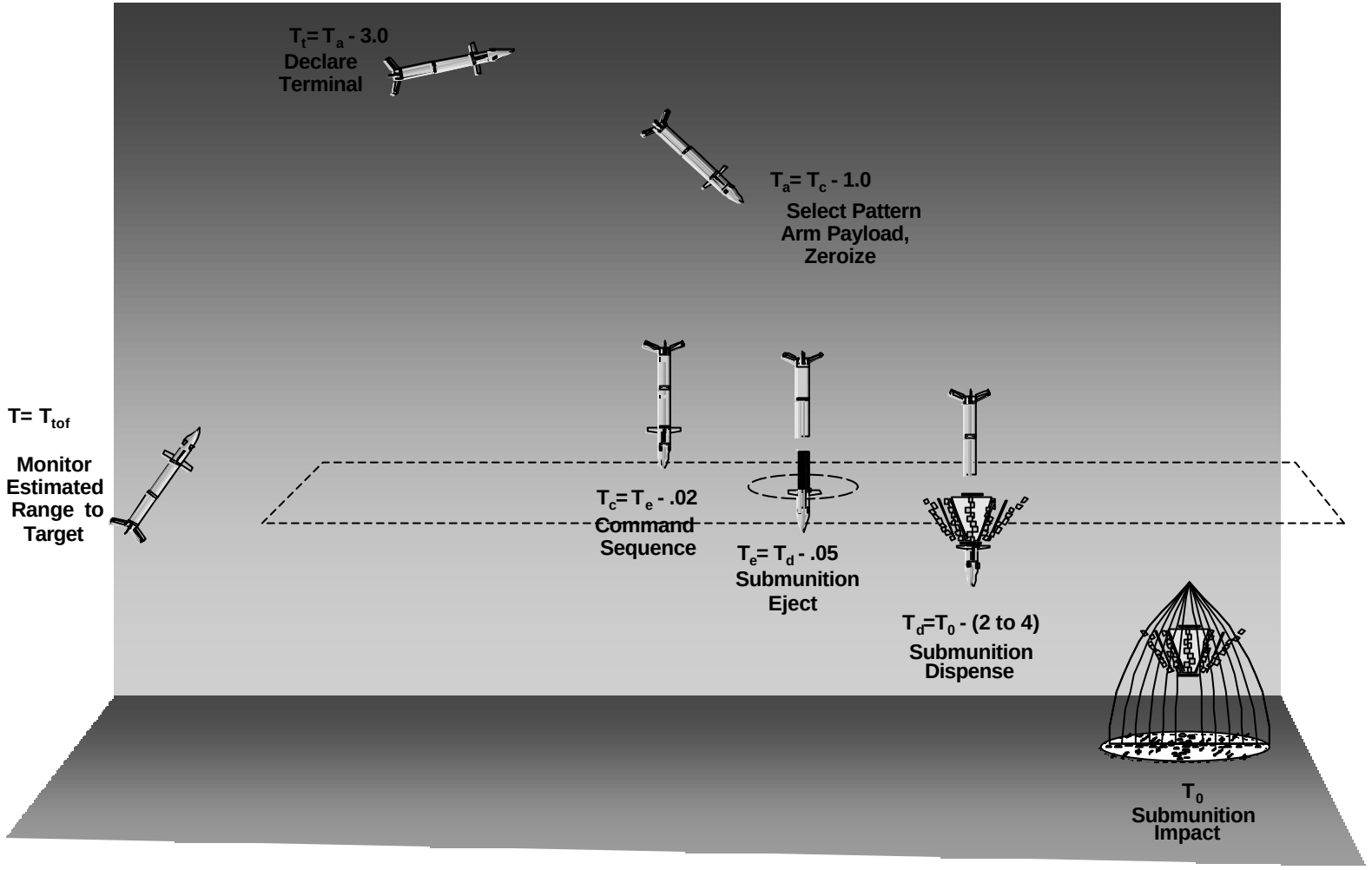
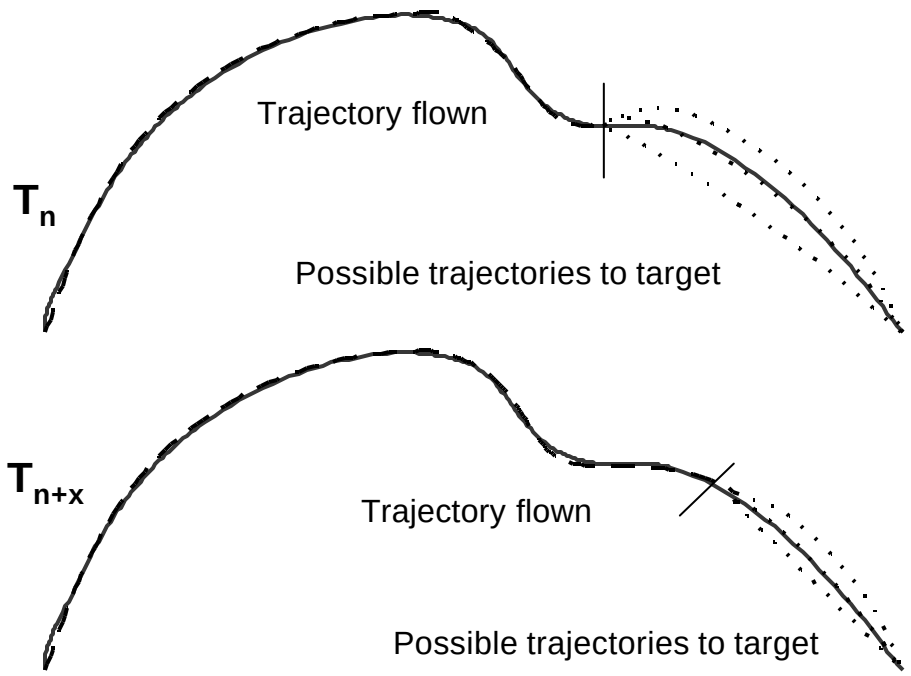


Multiple Rounds Simultaneous Impact

Closed form TOA solutions from Fire Control do not work

To supply MRSI, each projectile must both:
- **accurate estimate time to target**
- **control it continuously**

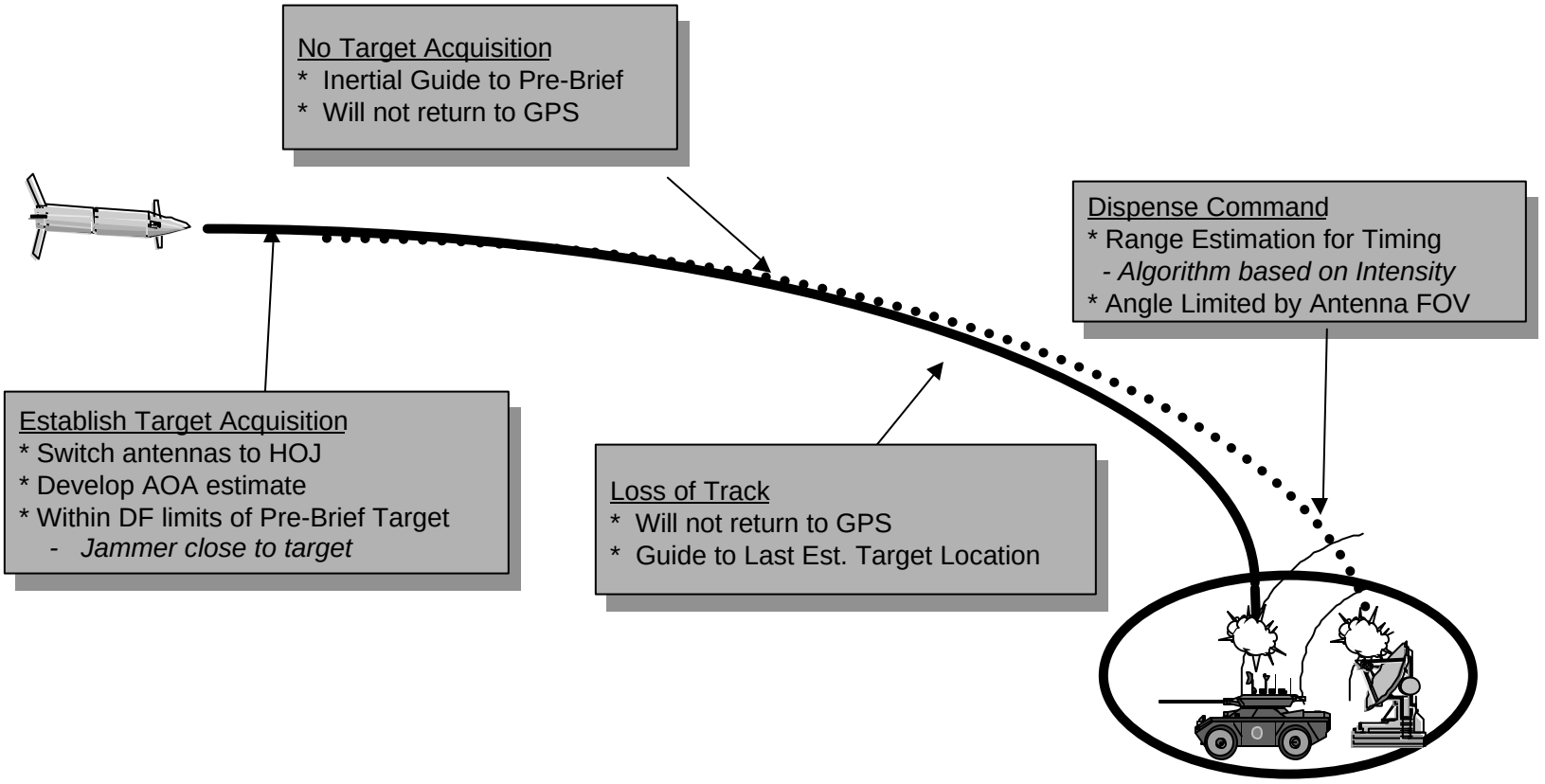


Biases error sources
(errors which dominate the time of flight)
- **Propellant performance**
- **Firing time errors**
- **Non standard Atmosphere**
- **Dominant wind direction**
- **Aerodynamic variations**

Colored noise sources
(errors which confuse active time of arrival control)
- **Wind shears**
- **GPS error shifts**

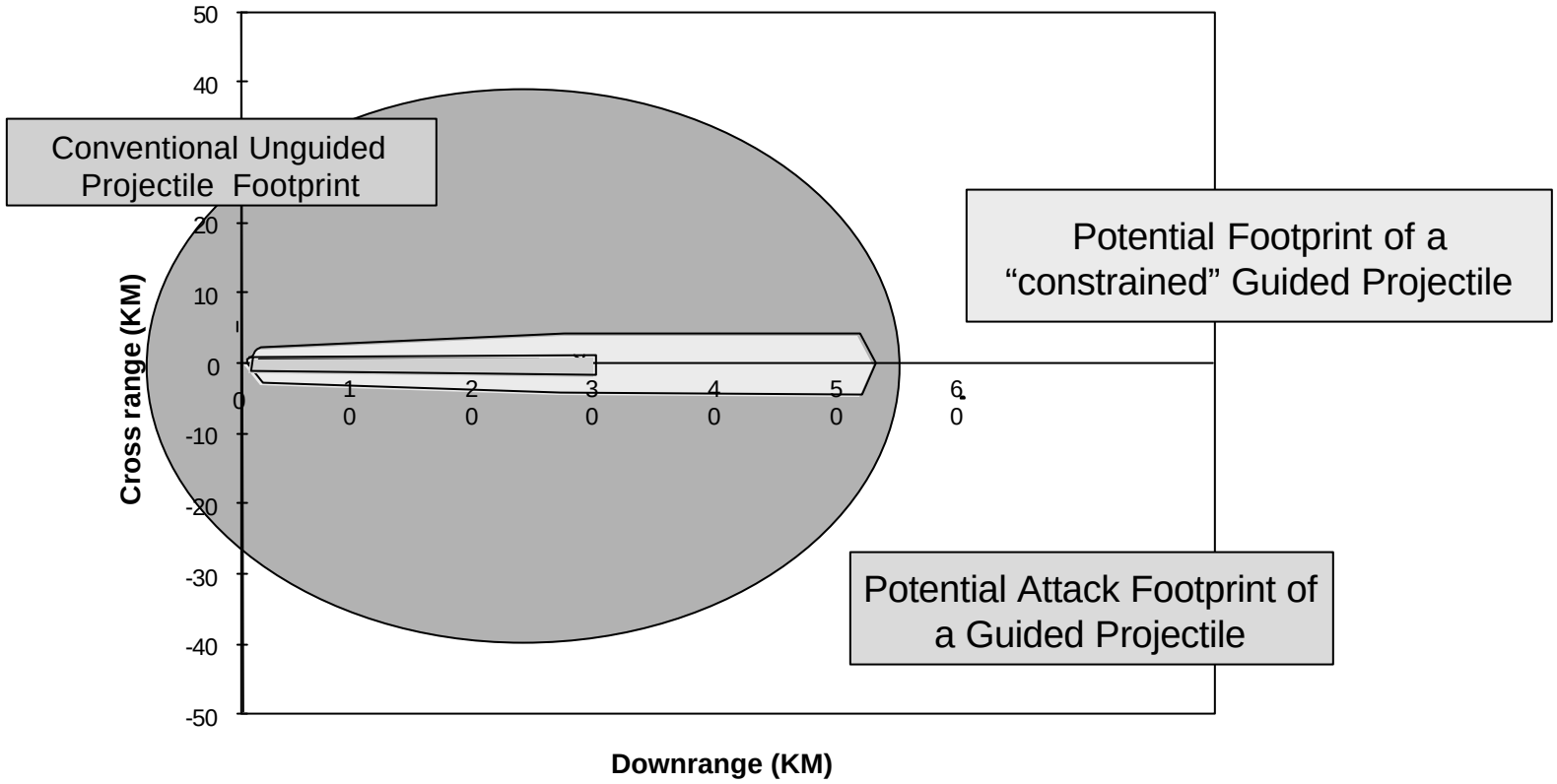
White noise sources
(errors which just "stimulate" any control)
- **Wind gusts**

HOJ Operational Timeline



Off Axis Attack Capability provided

The ability to “fly” (example assumes 7-DOF guidance solution) means a gun can execute many firings missions from a single surveyed site without repositioning barrel



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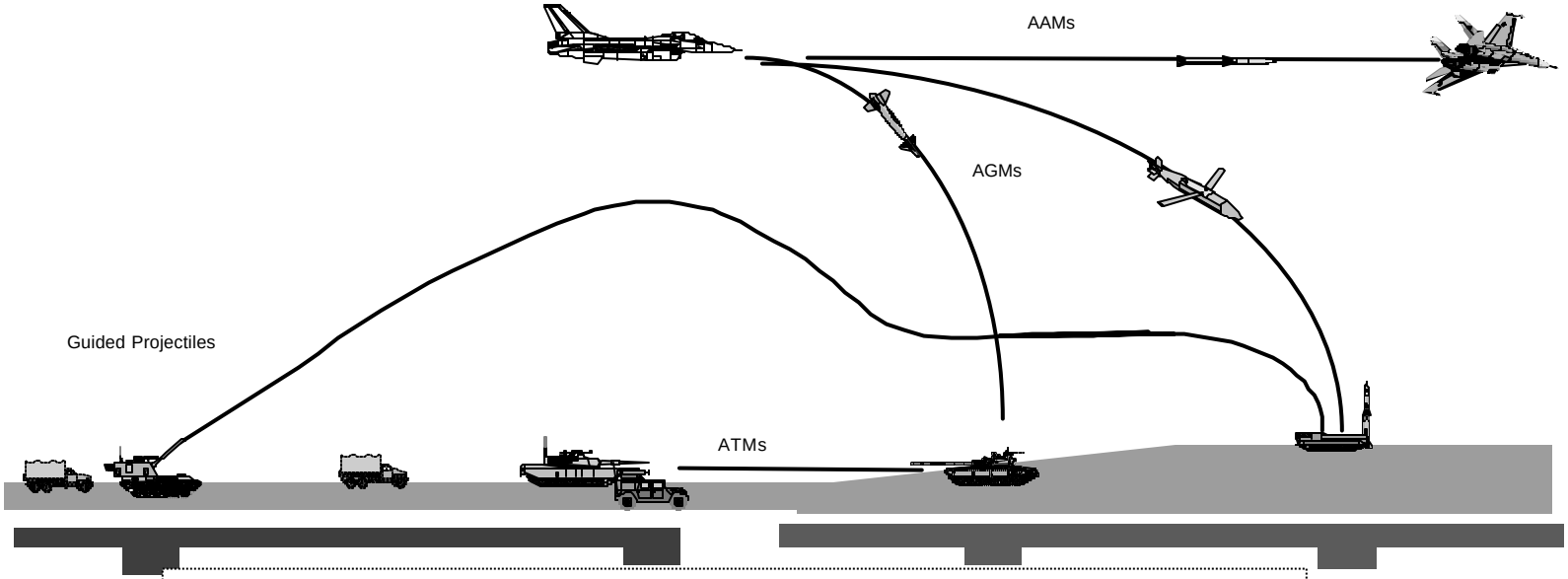
New requirement - Casualty function

- **Most guided weapons were not designed to be fired over friendly forces**(so provisions for operation as a failed weapons was not really considered in the design)
- **BLUE trajectories** represents the fact most guided weapons have been designed to be employed at or in advance of the battle front (called Forward Line Of Engagement or FLOE).
- **Red trajectory** represents the fact guided projectiles will operationally be employed such that they will be behind FLOE and will overfly all forces up to FLOE.



For the first time, overhead safety for EXTENDED ranges must be considered

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Example - Safety Features Over a Mission

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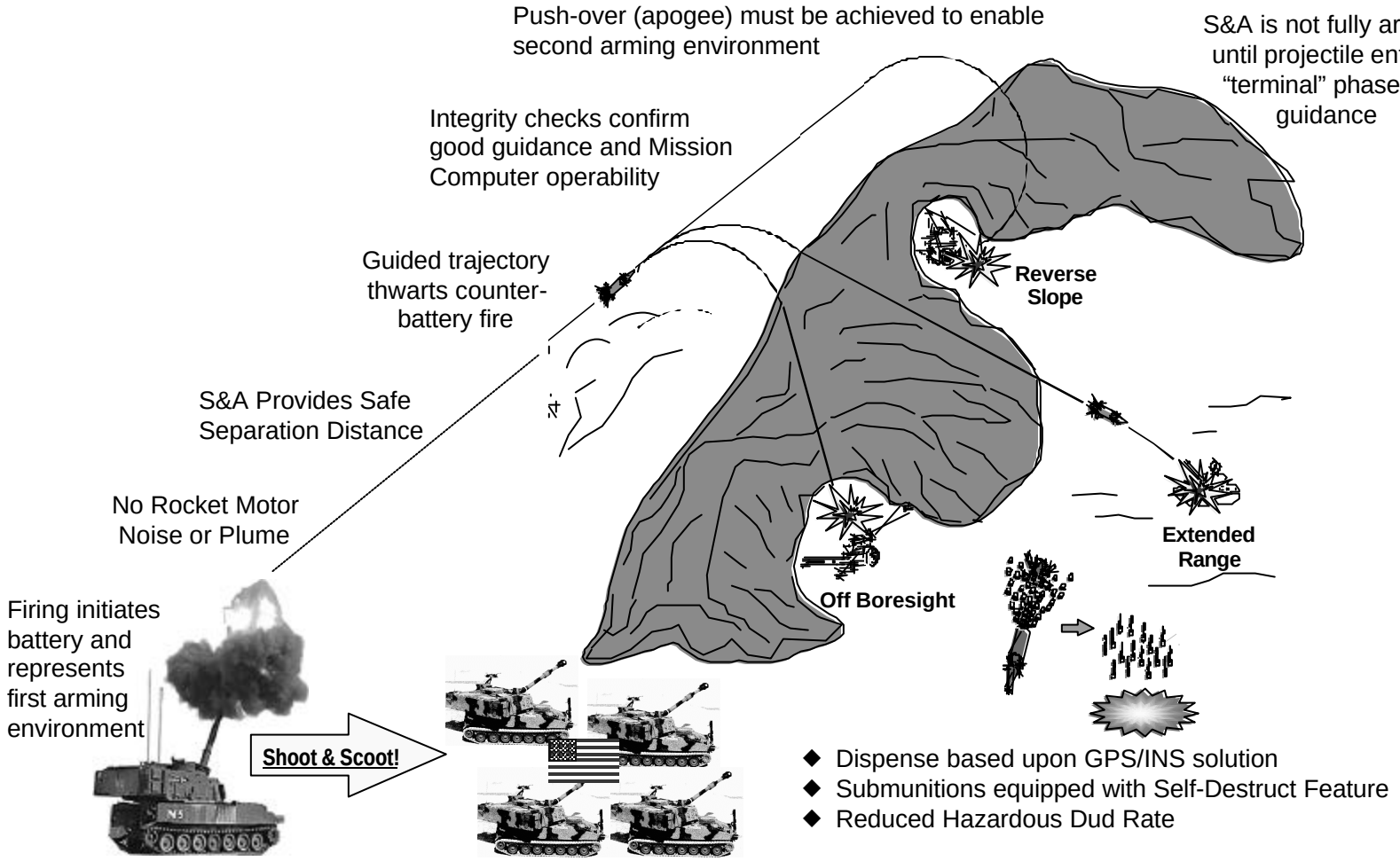

- Dispense based upon GPS/INS solution
- Submunitions equipped with Self-Destruct Feature
- Reduced Hazardous Dud Rate

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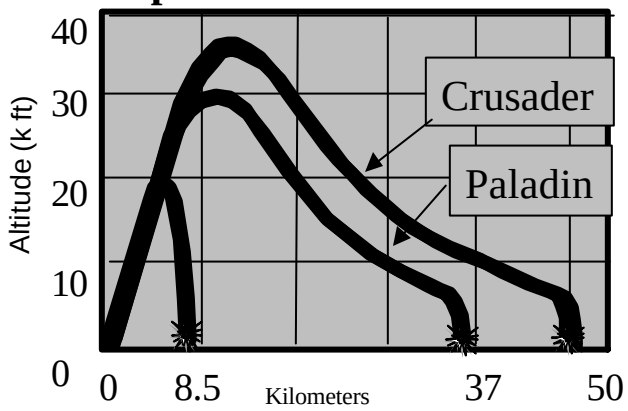
Summary - Guided Projectiles provides

Improved Terminal Effects



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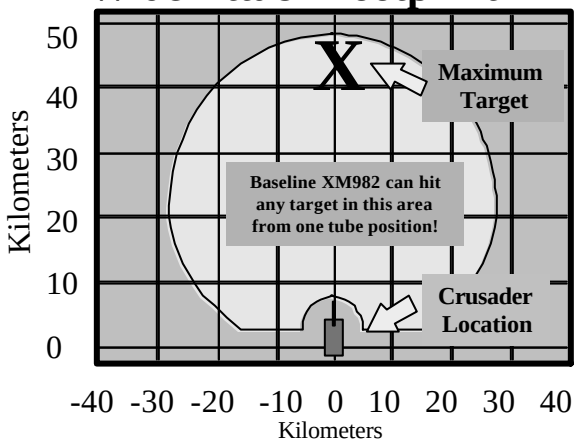

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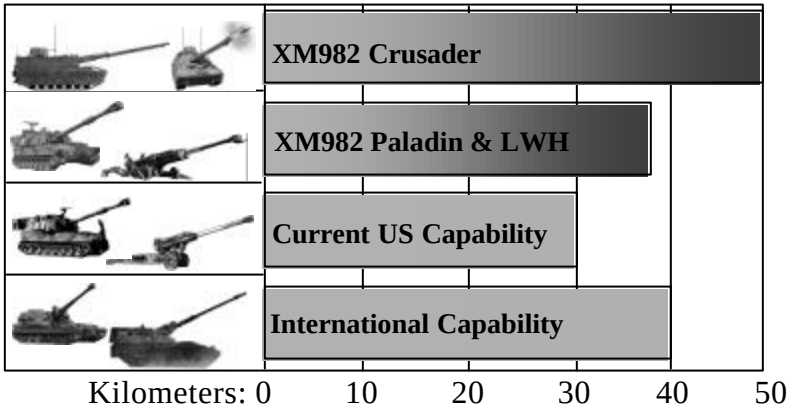

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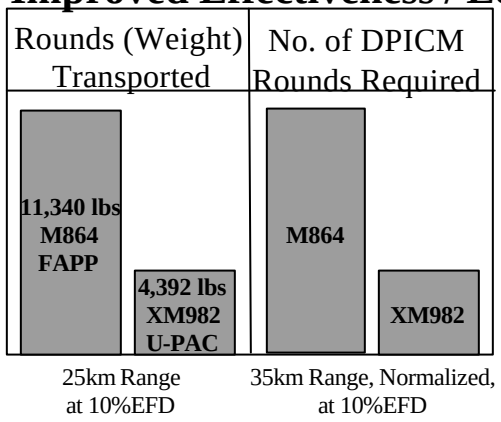

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